

THE HONORABLE RICARDO S. MARTINEZ

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. CR19-200-RSM
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED
v.)	MOTION TO SCHEDULE GUILTY
)	PLEA HEARING VIA
THOMAS DAY,)	VIDEOCONFERENCE
)	
Defendant.)	

THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward with a guilty plea hearing via videoconference and finds that:

(a) Under General Order 04-20, felony pleas and sentencings may proceed by video or telephone if “the district judge in a particular case finds for specific reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.” A plea hearing in this case cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; and

(b) Mr. Day would like to plead guilty and resolve the case in a timely fashion; and

(c) Mr. Day wishes to enter a plea as soon as possible in light of anticipated delay associated with the COVID pandemic and a desire to alleviate presumptive backlogged court calendars following the COVID recovery process. Mr.

Day believes that the Court may not be as able to accommodate a timely resolution of his case in the future as more cases are delayed; and

(d) a videoconference guilty plea hearing would avoid further delays in the ultimate sentencing in this case, which would cause “serious harm to the interests of justice.” See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter should be set for a guilty plea hearing via videoconference as soon as possible.

DONE this 30th day of November, 2020.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT
JUDGE

Presented by:

/s/ Gregory Geist

Assistant Federal Public Defender